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SUBJECT: US-EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

REF: CAIRO 9050

1. IN REFTEL PARA 2 AHMED SULTAN SAYS IN LETTER TO
AMBASSADOR QUOTE WE ARE PREPARED TO RATIFY THE NPT, OR TO
PUT ALL OUR EXISTING AND FUTURE NUCLEAR FACILITIES, AS
WELL AS FUEL, UNDER IAEA SAFEGUARDS, ALSO TO PROVIDE
SPECIAL BILATERAL SAFEGUARDING RIGHTS TO THE UNITED STATES
ON NUCLEAR FUEL AND FACILITIES SUPPLIED BY THE UNITED
STATES AS SPECIFIED IN THE BILATERAL NUCLEAR COOPERATION
AGREEMENT INITIATED BY BOTH OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN AUGUST
1976, BEARING IN MIND THAT ISRAEL WILL UNDERTAKE SIMUL-
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TANEOUSLY THE SAME IDENTICAL MEASURES IN ALL THESE ASPECTS.
UNQUOTE.

2. IN PARA 3 REFTEL EMBASSY COMMENTS QUOTE EGYPTIAN
ACCEPTANCE OF SAFEGUARDS WAS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THEIR
PREVIOUS POSITIONS AND DESIRE TO USE NUCLEAR POWER
TECHNOLOGY SAFELY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

EGYPTIANS HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT BOTH EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI AGREEMENTS MUST PROCEED MOST LIKELY TOGETHER AND THEY HAVE ACCEPTED THAT LINKAGE. UNQUOTE.

3. TWO STATEMENTS ABOVE RAISE QUESTIONS, THE ANSWERS TO WHICH MAY AFFECT HOW WE REPLY TO SULTAN. WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH THIS MATTER DISCUSSED FURTHER WITH EGYPTIANS AT THIS TIME BUT WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER CLARIFICATION EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A) WOULD GOE RATIFY NPT AND ACCEPT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS AS OUTLINED IN SULTAN'S LETTER (PORTION QUOTED PARA 1 ABOVE) EVEN IF ISRAEL WOULD NOT RPT NOT DO SO? (AGREEMENT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE UNCOUPLED.)

B) OR, IS GOE WILLINGNESS TO RATIFY NPT AND ACCEPT FULL-SCOPE SAFEGUARDS TIED TO GOI SIMILARLY ACCEPTING SUCH PROVISIONS?

4. EMBASSY'S RESPONSE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS JUNE 8 WILL BE APPRECIATED. REPLY SHOULD BE SLUGGED STADIS, NEA ONLY. CHRISTOPHER

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